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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE SECOND FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 17-310

Comment Date: April 24, 2023

Reply Comment Date: May 22, 2023

On January 27, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released an *Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, Order, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*. The *Second Further Notice* sought comment on how to strengthen the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program and improve access to telehealth in rural America,¹ and sets deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication in the Federal Register.²

On March 23, 2023, a summary of the *RHC Consolidated Item* was published in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before **April 24, 2023** and reply comments will be due on or before **May 22, 2023**.⁴ Complete filing instructions are set forth in the *Second Further Notice* and in the Federal Register.⁵

For further information, please contact Kiara Ortiz, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0272, or via email at Kiara.Ortiz@fcc.gov.

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¹ See generally *Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, Order on Reconsideration, Second Report and Order, Order, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Jan. 26, 2023) (*RHC Consolidated Item*).

² *Id.* at 1, paras. 120, 135.

³ FCC, Promoting Telehealth in Rural America, 88 Fed. Reg 17495 (Mar. 23, 2023) <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/23/2023-04990/promoting-telehealth-in-rural-america> (Notice)

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *RHC Consolidated Item* at paras. 120-122; Notice at 17495.